

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 - 14 (Canceled).

15. (Currently Amended) A ~~console~~ storage unit for use in a vehicle, the ~~console~~ storage unit comprising:

an overhead console having a media storage compartment having with a plurality of receptacles arranged to selectively fan-out upon opening of the media storage compartment, the receptacles having a closed end to retain items while the media storage compartment is open and at least one open side to facilitate lateral access to the receptacles for storage and retrieval of items.

16. (Currently Amended) The ~~console~~ storage unit of claim 15 further comprising:

a media storage compartment door, wherein the plurality of receptacles is arranged to selectively fan-out upon opening of the media storage compartment door.

17. (Currently Amended) The ~~storage unit~~ console of claim 15 wherein the plurality of receptacles is adapted for storing flat media.

18. (Currently Amended) The ~~storage unit~~ console of claim 17 wherein at least one of the plurality of receptacles is adapted for storing a CD.

19. (Currently Amended) The ~~storage unit~~ console of claim 17 wherein at least one of the plurality of receptacles is adapted for storing a memory card.

20. (Currently Amended) The ~~storage unit~~ console of claim 15 wherein each of the plurality of receptacles comprises a plastic sleeve.

21. (Currently Amended) The ~~storage unit~~ console of claim 15 wherein the plurality of receptacles is joined by a flexible material to limit spacing between adjacent receptacles.

22. (Currently Amended) The ~~storage unit~~ console of claim 21 wherein the flexible material comprises a cord.

23. (Currently Amended) The ~~storage unit~~ console of claim 21 wherein the flexible material comprises a band.

24. (Currently Amended) The ~~storage unit~~ console of claim 15 wherein the plurality of receptacles is removably fastened to the media storage compartment.

25. (Currently Amended) The storage unit~~console~~ of claim 24 wherein the plurality of receptacles is removably fastened to the media storage compartment with at least one snap.

26. (Currently Amended) The storage unit~~console~~ of claim 24 wherein the plurality of receptacles is removably fastened to the media storage compartment with a hook-and-loop fastener.

27. (Canceled).

28. (Currently Amended) The storage unit~~console~~ of claim 15 wherein each of the receptacles comprises a dual plastic sleeve having a center separator disposed between top and bottom plastic sheets to accommodate two media without contact therebetween.

29. (Currently Amended) A media storage system for use in a vehicle ~~console~~, the media storage system comprising:

a plurality of sleeves having first ends connected by a first connector allowing pivotal movement about the first connector and second opposing ends joined by at least one second connector allowing the second ends to fan-out to facilitate storage and retrieval of media, each of the sleeves being adapted to stow at least one storage medium, wherein the first and second connectors are adapted for fastening to the a vehicle overhead console and wherein the second ends of the plurality of sleeves are sealed to retain storage media in the sleeves when the sleeves are fastened to the overhead vehicle console.

30. (Currently Amended) The media storage system of claim 29 wherein the first and second connectors are adapted for removably fastening the plurality of sleeves to the vehicle overhead console.

31. (Original) The media storage system of claim 30 wherein the first and second connectors include hook-and-loop fasteners.

32. (Currently Amended) The media storage system of claim 30 wherein the first and second connectors are fixedly secured to an interior portion of the vehicle overhead console.

33. (Original) The media storage system of claim 29 wherein each of the plurality of sleeves includes a lateral opening extending a sufficient distance between the first and second ends to accommodate disc-shaped media.

34. (Original) The media storage system of claim 33 wherein the second connector comprises a flexible connector extending along the second ends of the plurality of sleeves.

35. (Original) The media storage system of claim 33 wherein the second connector extends through the second ends of the plurality of sleeves.

36. (New) A method for providing storage within a vehicle, the method comprising:

presenting a plurality of connected receptacles from an overhead console upon opening of a storage door in the overhead console, the receptacles having lateral access and collapsible and expandable spacing therebetween to facilitate lateral storage and retrieval of items while retaining items in the receptacles with storage door in an open position.

37. (New) The method of claim 36 wherein the plurality of connected receptacles are connected by a cord.

38. (New) The method of claim 36 further comprising removably attaching the plurality of connected receptacles to the overhead console.